


BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND OF THE
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to present the Annual Report for 1970.

Once again I have to report a further slight decrease in the population of the District. The first five years of the past decade showed a somewhat fluctuating population figure, but the latter five years have shown a small, but steady decline. The same trend is seen in respect of the number of live births, although this year, there has been a slight rise in the number of live births. The number of deaths has fluctuated more or less around the same figure during this period. The adjusted death rate for the district of 9.1, is well below that of 11.7 for England and Wales as a whole. The causes of death follow the national trend; the main cause being disease or failure of the heart or cerebrovascular system. The second commonest cause of death is malignant disease of one form or another. Of the total of 233 deaths, 127 were due to heart or circulatory disease and 42 due to cancer, that is very roughly a one in two chance of dying of heart failure and a one in five chance of dying of cancer.

The year was again, very free from infectious disease, cases of measles being the only infection to be reported in any number. Only 89 cases were reported. The year should have been a bad one for measles as the infection shows a two yearly cycle, and the last bad year was 1968. It is encouraging to see from the table on page 9, that 119 children were immunised against measles, and this without doubt, helped considerably to keep the number of cases of measles down.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you Mr. Chairman and your Health Committee for the interest you have shown in the work of the Department during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) 98,184.
 Registrar-General's estimate of population (mid 1970) .18,800.
 Number of inhabited houses (estimated) 6,597.
 Rateable Value 419,574.
 Product of Penny Rate (estimated) 1,600.

	BLYTH R.D.C.	England and Wales
<u>Live Births</u>		
Number	244	-
Rate per 1,000 population	13.0	16.0
<u>Illegitimate Live Births</u> per cent of total live births	6	8
<u>Stillbirths</u>		
Number	6	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	24	13
<u>Total live and still births</u>	250	-
<u>Infant deaths</u> (deaths under 1 year)	3	-
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	12	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	9	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	71	26
<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).....	4	12
<u>Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births).....	4	11.
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths).....	28	23

- Not applicable

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	132	112	244
Legitimate	124	106	230
Illegitimate	8	6	14

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	4	2	6
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	-	1	1
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	1	1

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	-	1	1
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	1	1

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Deaths - All Ages	125	108	232

RATES

	BLYTH R.D.C.	ENGLAND & WALES
Adjusted Birth Rate	15.0	—
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	12.4	11.7
Adjusted Death Rate	9.1	—

Comparability Factor (Births) 1.15
" " (Deaths) .73

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (3)

SEX	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATHS
F	under 1 week	Prematurity
F	6 months	Acute Bronchitis
M	7 months	Multiple Congenital Abnormalities

1. *...*
 2. *...*
 3. *...*

CAUSES OF DEATH

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
B4 Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1	1
B6 (1) Late effects of respiratory T.B.	1	-	1
B19 (1) Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	-	1	1
B19 (2) Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	-	1	1
B19 (3) Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
B19 (4) Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	4	5
B19 (5) Malignant neoplasm, larynx	-	1	1
B19 (6) Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	7	12
B19 (7) Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
B19 (8) Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
B19 (10) Leukaemia	-	1	1
B19 (11) Other malignant neoplasms	11	4	15
B20 Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	1	2
B21 Diabetes mellitus	2	2	4
B46 (5) Other diseases of nervous system	-	2	2
B26 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
B27 Hypertensive disease	2	1	3
B28 Ischaemic heart disease	39	24	63
B29 Other forms of heart disease	9	2	11
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	16	18	34
B46 (6) Other diseases of circulatory system	7	8	15
B31 Influenza	1	2	3
B32 Pneumonia	9	7	16
B33 (1) Bronchitis and emphysema	4	1	5
B46 (7) Other diseases of respiratory system	2	4	6
B34 Peptic ulcer	1	2	3
B35 Appendicitis	1	-	1
B36 Intestinal obstruction and hernia	2	-	2
B46 (8) Other diseases of digestive system	1	1	2
B38 Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
B39 Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
B46 (11) Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
B44 Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1	1
B45 Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	-	1
BE47 Motor vehicle accidents	-	3	3
BE48 All other accidents	1	1	2
BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	4	-	4
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	125	108	233

No.	Date	Particulars	Amount	Total
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DEATHS FROM CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS DURING THE YEARS 1960-70

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION
1960	4	1	5	0.26
1961	6	3	9	0.47
1962	6	2	8	0.42
1963	4	2	6	0.32
1964	2	3	5	0.26
1965	6	2	8	0.37
1966	12	2	14	0.72
1967	4	4	8	0.42
1968	11	3	14	0.74
1969	5	2	7	0.37
1970	5	7	12	0.64
TOTAL	65	31	96	

YEAR

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Population	19,110	18,760	18,920	19,000	19,230	19,250	19,170	19,090	19,040	18,940	18,800
No. of inhabited houses	6,730	6,737	6,684	6,500	6,512	6,638	6,694	6,719	6,923	6,887	6,597
No. of Live Births	292	270	302	315	301	278	271	265	245	236	244
Birth Rate (Crude)	15.28	14.4	15.9	16.6	15.6	14.4	14.1	13.9	12.9	12.5	13.0
No. of still births	5	6	6	-	4	-	3	6	2	-	6
Infant mortality rate	34.24	17.8	16.2	15.9	23.2	14.4	22.1	3.8	8.16	8.47	12
(No. of deaths)	(10)	(4)	(5)	(5)	(7)	(4)	(6)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
No. of deaths (all ages)	272	293	276	277	234	240	261	246	267	251	233
Death rate (crude)	14.23	15.6	14.5	14.6	12.1	12.5	13.61	12.9	14.0	13.3	12.4

DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR, CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

	MEASLES	SCARLET FEVER	WHOOPING COUGH	DYSENTERY	SALMONELLA	INFECTIVE HEPATITIS
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	5	-	-	-	-	-
April	18	-	-	-	-	-
May	31	-	-	-	-	-
June	7	-	-	1	1	-
July	17	-	-	-	-	-
August	7	-	-	-	-	-
September	3	-	-	-	-	-
October	1	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	89	-	-	1	1	1

TOTAL - 92

T U B E R C U L O S I S

The number of cases on the register was reviewed by the Chest Clinic and a corrected list was issued in April 1970.

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	
No. of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1969.	13	3	12	7	35
Corrected figure at April 1970	7	-	5	4	16
No. of cases since added	3	1	-	1	5
No. of cases removed	-	-	-	1	1
No. of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1970	10	1	5	4	20

CASES ADDED TO THE REGISTER		CASES REMOVED FROM THE REGISTER	
New notifications.....3.....		Recovered.....1.....	
Inward Transfers 2.....		Died 7.....	
		Removed to other areas	
TOTAL	5	TOTAL	1

Vaccinations and Immunisations 1970

	<u>Primary Courses</u>	<u>Boosters and Re-vaccination</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	162	91
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	137
Tetanus	62	103
Polio myelitis Salk	15	25
Polio myelitis Sabin	157	236
Measles	138	-
Smallpox	133	15
Rubella	2	-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1970

TO: The Chairman and Members of the Blyth Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my seventh annual report.

During the year progress has continued to be made in implementing the Councils policy of improving the environmental health services. Sewerage schemes for a number of villages are either in progress or are planned and a major step forward has been made in refuse disposal by the introduction of the refuse pulveriser. Refuse Collection was again reorganised and the service improved.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for the support and encouragement they have given to the staff during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. WHITING

Chief Public Health Inspector.

Council Offices,
Rendham Road,
Saxmundham.

Telephone: Saxmundham 2551

WATER SUPPLY

Public Supply The East Anglian Water Company are the statutory water undertakers and they supply water to every parish in the district. The following figures regarding the number of dwellings supplied have been provided by the Company.

	<u>Water Supplied direct to Houses</u> No. of Dwellinghouses	<u>Water Supplied by Standpipe</u> No. of Dwellinghouses
Aldringham-cum Thorpe	320	4
Badingham	65	26
Benhall	141	2
Blvthburgh	25	10
Bramfield	122	8
Brandeston	63	4
Bruisyard	26	5
Chediston	38	13
Cookley	25	2
Cransford	45	3
Cratfield	56	14
Darsham	94	19
Dennington	128	7
Dunwich	44	8
Easton	80	5
Earl Soham	112	23
Framlingham	751	58
Farnham	22	5
Friston	180	14
Gt. Glemham	60	-
Lt. Glemham	58	1
Hacheston	103	6
Heveningham	31	3
Huntingfield	49	4
Kelsale	320	8
Kettleburgh	46	6
Knodishall	154	18
Linstead Magna	11	1
Linstead Parva	13	3
Marlesford	73	10
Middleton	116	15
Parham	89	4
Peasenhall	156	13
Rendham	84	-
Saxtead	64	9
Sibton	53	8
Snape	170	5
Stratford St. Andrew	25	7
Sternfield	39	3
Sweffling	51	5
Theberton	103	16
Thorington	5	1
Ubbeston	16	2
Walberswick	246	6
Walpole	60	7
Wenhaston	244	34
Westleton	175	8
Yoxford	216	10
	5247	449

Private Supply

The number of samples of water taken from private sources and sent for bacteriological examination was 56 and of this number 35 were satisfactory and 21 unsatisfactory. A further 45 samples were forwarded for nitrate analysis and of these 30 were satisfactory (below 20 p.p.m.) and 15 unsatisfactory.

Advice on alternative sources and remedial measures continued to be given when a sample proved unsatisfactory.

In some cases practical assistance by way of an improvement grant can be given to enable dwellings to be connected to the mains supply.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The villages of Kelsale, Framlingham, Peasenhall, Sibton, Voxford, Walberswick and Earl Soham have main sewerage.

The position in regard to other schemes is as follows:-

(i) Aldringham, Thorpeness, Mudishall

Tenders for this scheme were accepted in November, 1968, the contract sum being £297,403. Work commenced in January, 1969. It was anticipated that the scheme would become operational by Autumn 1970, but the scheme was not available for use at the end of the year.

(ii) Darsham, Middleton, Theberton, Westleton

Work commenced on this scheme in November, 1969, the contract sum being £297,867. It is anticipated that completion will be effected by November, 1971

(iii) Blythburgh, Wenhamston, Bramfield

Work commenced on this scheme in April, 1970, the contract sum being £312,280. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed by April, 1972.

(iv) Friston, Snape, Sternfield, Benhall and Saxmundham

At an engineering investigation held in August, 1970 the Ministry of Housing and Local Government accepted the need for the scheme. Approval has been given for tenders to be invited. The Consulting Engineers are preparing the necessary tender documents.

(v) Easton

Negotiations for land purchase are well advanced and the scheme has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval and loan consent.

(vi) Dennington

An application for permission for the site of the proposed sewage treatment plant was given in January 1970 and negotiations for land purchase were well advanced by the end of the year.

(vii) Huntingfield, Heveningham, Walpole

Applications for planning consent in respect of the sewage disposal works site and for the revised pumping station sites at Heveningham and Walpole have been submitted to the East Suffolk County Council for approval.

H O U S I N G

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

(a) No. of Houses inspected	211
(Does not include Revisits)	
(Does not include Council House visits carried out by Housing Manager)	
(Does not include special housing survey figures)	
(b) No. unsatisfactory in any respect	190
(c) No. rendered fit:	
(i) Informal	84
(ii) Formal - Public Health Acts	1
(iii) Formal - Housing Acts (Section 9)	-
(iv) By undertakings (Section 16)	-
(v) Repair of Scheduled (1955) Unfit houses	-
(d) No. Demolition Orders secured	1
(e) No. dwellings included in Clearance Orders Secured	-
(f) No. demolished by informal action	-
No. demolished under Demolition Orders	-
No. demolished under Clearance Orders	-
(g) No. of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953) ..	-
(h) Undertakings accepted not to relet unfit houses ..	9
(i) Overcrowding: No known cases in the district throughout the year	-
(j) Certificates of Disrepair	-

2. PROVISION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

	By Local Authority		By Private Enterprise	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
Dwellings completed during the year	12	-	44	-
Number of dwellings in course of construction on 31st December, 1970	-	-	108	-
Total number of houses owned by the Council on 31st December, 1970	1135	9	-	-

IMPROVEMENT GRANTING

	Discretionary	Standard
Number of dwellings in respect of which applications for grant were received	80	66
Number of grants approved	84	66
Number of dwellings improved by grant aid and completed in the year	61	55
Applications refused	-	1
Applications withdrawn	2	1

Note: the apparent discrepancy between applications received and approved is due to the time lag between receipt and formal approval by the Council.

The following statement sets out the grants paid and the number of dwellings improved with grant aid for each year since the grants were available. The grants paid to date total £409,769 in respect of 1506 dwellings. At 1st April, 1970 there were in the district 6952 dwellings of which 1140 were Council houses and 5811 were privately owned.

Year	Discretionary Grants				Standard Grants				Remarks
	No.	Amount			No.	Amount			
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
1951/2	1	89	12	4					To 31st March, 1954 the Council's portion was met annually in full from the general rate fund.
1952/3	11	2354	3	0					
1953/4	6	1384	2	0					
1954/5	37	9080	7	6					
1955/6	82	13049	0	0					
1956/7	47	11897	0	0					
1957/8	48	1245	0	0					
1958/9	61	16532	10	0					
1959/60	69	121	10	0	6	717	9	1	From 1st April, 1954, the Council's portion is covered by loans raised from time to time for the 20 year loan periods. The amount required from rates is, therefore the difference bet- ween loan charges payable and subsidies receivable and this is shown in the rate poundage statement.
1960/1	63	21215	10	0	34	3825	19	4	
1961/2	68	23005	0	0	35	4068	8	8	
1962/3	86	29421	0	0	57	7470	14	9	
1963/4	47	15462	10	0	48	6400	8	8	
1964/5	61	20357	0	0	48	6582	13	4	
1965/6	55	226	10	0	75	11651	17	7	
1966/7	43	15058	17	6	62	12147	3	3	
1967/8	41	14775	0	0	61	11193	14	5	
1968/9	35	12	0	0	52	9575	12	10	
1969/70	35	14281	0	0	42	9065	14	8	
TO DATE									
1970/71	43	30240	10	0	47	12165	19	9	
31.12.70									
	939	314903	3	4	567	94865	16	4	Average discretionary grant £335 Average Standard grant £167

The number of applications for improvement grant shows a marked increase and this would appear to be a direct result of the amended and simplified provisions contained in the Housing Act 1969. The sums paid also show an increase with the grant of £1000 becoming fairly common.

Publicity regarding improvement grants has been made by central government and this has stimulated enquiries. It is difficult, however, to assess, when dealing with applicants, the effect that national publicity has on this matter. It may be that publicity in local newspapers would have a greater effect since people would gain an impression that the information was directed at them in their parish.

HOUSING SURVEY

A survey of houses in the rural district commenced in May, 1970 and was completed in March, 1971. As most of the work was done in 1970 the results are therefore included in this annual report.

The inspections which were carried out were not detailed or exhaustive but were intended to give a broad view of the housing conditions in the district. In the main, the survey covered those dwellings with a rateable value of £19 and under.

The summary is as follows:-

TABLE I

Total number of dwellings inspected:	1,457
Number of dwellings considered to be unfit for human habitation:	396 (of this number 90 have Closing Orders etc. already placed on them)
Number of dwellings considered capable of improvement:	704
Number of dwellings inspected which have been improved:	357

TABLE II

OF THE UNFIT DWELLINGS:-	
Unoccupied:	147
Occupied by:-	
(a) single person:	140
(b) couple:	59
(c) couple with children:	50
Number who have applied for Council House:	15

From the above tables it will be seen that there are 306 dwellings which require further inspection with a view to statutory action, and 704 which are in need of modernisation. It should, however, be stressed that detailed inspections may cause an interchange between the categories though it is not felt that there will be wide variations.

FOOD HYGIENE

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

- (a) The number of food premises in the area and type of business (approx.):—

Grocery and General	76
Bakers	5
Butchers	10
Public Houses selling Ice Cream	7
Ice Cream only	3
Cafes	8
Fishmongers	8
Greengrocers	3
	120

- (b) No. of visits made 182
- (c) No. of premises on register under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955
- (i) Ice Cream - Manufacture -
- Storage or sale only 98
- (ii) Sausages, preserved food, etc. 4
- (d) No. of licensed slaughterhouses 3

Inspections have been made throughout the year of food premises. Minor infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations have been dealt with as a matter of routing and there has been no need to recommend that formal action be taken. As mentioned in a previous annual report the single village shop which sells a variety of goods does pose problems with regard to food hygiene. To some extent the sale of pre wrapped and packaged food obviates some of the handling difficulties but space and layout are often at a premium and prevent easy access for cleaning.

2. MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. killed	364	3	20	150	720
No. inspected	364	3	20	150	720
Whole carcasses condemned: Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes	3	1	3	-	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned:					
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes	10	-	1	-	41

A 100% post mortem inspection is carried out at the slaughterhouses in the rural district and at the remaining slaughterhouse in the Sazmundham Urban District. A limited amount of ante mortem inspection is done and this is mainly carried out when a notification is received from the veterinary surgeon or from the slaughterman that a casualty is to be brought to the slaughterhouse.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

REFUSE COLLECTION

In December a further reorganisation of the collection service took place. Two Dennis Norba 60 cu. yd. vehicles were introduced into the scheme to join a Ford Norba 50 cu. yd. vehicle. The relief vehicles being two Shelvoke and Drewry 18/25 cu. yd. freighters. The reorganisation gave a weekly collection of house refuse throughout the whole of the district and approximately 60% of the dwellings receive a back door collection.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

In December the Refuse Pulveriser was brought into use. The plant consists of a reception hopper, atomised water spray dust suppressor, feeder, pulveriser, product conveyor and electrical control gear. The pulveriser is a Tollemache vertical shaft ballistic sorter pulveriser capable of dealing with approximately 15 tons of crude refuse per hour.

From the limited amount of operating experience there appears to be little doubt that an immediate reduction of 50% in volume is obtained plus a marked further reduction when the material is tipped.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The number of cesspool emptyings carried out in the year were as were as follows:-

	<u>Loads</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Council House Cesspools	2,714	53.8%
Private dwellings	2,326	46.2%

Three 1000 gallon tankers were in use.

A large amount of statistical information had been collated with a view to the introduction of a two vehicle bonus working system. The difficulties in implementing such a system have been the wide variation in the workload, the delay in commissioning new sewerage schemes and the take up in their use, and lastly the unreliability of the vehicles.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES

Number of sites licensed	47
Number of inspections	39
Number of caravans	
(a) for holiday use	264
(b) for residential use	43

Discussions took place with Saxmundham Sports Club to regularise the use of part of their sports field at Carlton Park as a caravan and camping site. The site is a pleasant one with easy access to the A.12 trunk road and is within a short motoring distance of the coast.

RODENT CONTROL

Rats and Mice Destruction

No. of inspections:	Notified	385
	Otherwise	729
Rat Infestations:	Major	1
	Minor	484
Mice only		44
No. treated		462
No. of premises treated		
	(a) Dwellinghouses	485
	(b) Other premises	98

There has been little change in the methods of treatment during the year. Warfarin in a variety of bases has been the poison most used.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	18	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworker's premises)	68	66	-	-
TOTAL	145	87	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H. M. Inspector	By H. M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Out-Work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
<u>Wearing Apparel Making</u> etc.	16	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	-	13	6
Retail Shops	-	43	35
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	1	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	11	9
Fuel Storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	68	50

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES - 56

<u>ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE</u>	
Class of Workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	49
Retail Shops	115
Wholesale depts., warehouses	2
Catering establishments open to the public	102
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage depots	-
Total	268
Total Males	94
Total Females	174

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Measurement of atmospheric pollution from the two sites at Framlingham and Sibton has continued during the year and the results sent to Warren Spring Laboratory. This being part of the National Survey of air Pollution. There has been little change in the results over the past year, the figures showing very slight amounts of solid particles and carbon dioxide in the air sampled.

Sulphur

NOISE ABATEMENT

This is the first time that it has been necessary to comment on a noise problem in the district. Early in 1970 the Council received complaints of noise from a new animal feed mill in Framlingham. The noise emanated mainly from three exhaust air outlets on the roof of the mill, and was such that there was no doubt that a nuisance existed. An abatement notice was served under the Public Health Act, 1936 and the Noise Abatement Act 1960. Whilst some work was carried out, the nuisance was not abated and the matter was brought before a Magistrates Court at Framlingham. The Company elected at the hearing to contribute largely towards the Council's costs and abate the nuisance within three months. The Council's noise consultant was also engaged by the Company, and under his instructions remedial work has been put in hand. The noise level was reduced to a degree which complied with the British Standard 4142/1967 Method of Rating Industrial Noise. Whilst statutory action was taken there was at all times good co-operation from the mill management.

Two points arise from this problem. The first is that a statutory nuisance has, as far as the local authority are concerned, to exist before formal action can be taken. This often means in the case of a noise nuisance that a considerable amount of time must be spent in obtaining noise level readings. The statutory procedures which then follow are also time consuming and there is often dissatisfaction expressed by members of the public at the apparent lack of progress in dealing with the matter.

The second point which arises is a lesson in that wherever possible the local authority should be given information on the machinery etc. to be placed in a building together with typical values of noise level when in use. The situation and construction of a factory will considerably affect and adjust these readings but then submission at the planning stage would mean that consideration is being given to the problem.

TOWN PLANNING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

Year	No. of applications received
1970	709
1969	684
1968	691
1967	747
1966	764
1965	745

TOWN PLANNING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

The table lists the number of applications which are registered and a high proportion of these are discussed with your officers before submission. The staff time which is taken up in consultation is considerable but there is little doubt that the builder or client finds this helpful and in turn this brings a reasonable standard of construction within the district.

The village builder who has been established for many years continues to carry out most of the improvement work in the areas, and the standards of work are usually satisfactory. As sewerage schemes begin to make an impact there will be demands for small estate development and builders will come from a wider area. The demand is difficult to assess and it may be slow acting, but it could affect the amount and degree of inspection that can be made available

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